2999. [*Transferred to the 16th December, 1985*].

Instructions about Deputation period etc.

3000. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS:
SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that instructions have been issued that officers cannot continue in posts outside their cadre or on deputation for more than five years and a review of such cases is to be undertaken;

(b) whether Prime Minister has recently given directions in this regard;

(c) if so, what action has been taken in this regard by the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts);

(d) how many cases under the above instructions are still pending and what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what action is being taken or is proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There were two cases under the administrative control of the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicraft) where the period of deputation went beyond five years. They were approved by the competent authority

(d) No case is pending.

(e) Does not arise.

admissibility of H.R.A. to Government employees in pattakkottai city in Tamil Nadu . . . . . .

3001. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the population in the city of Pattakkottai in Tamil Nadu has exceeded to over 50,000;

(b) if so, whether the city has been declared as qualifying for drawal of House Rent Allowance by the Central Government employees; and

(c) if so, since when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The classification of various cities/towns for the purpose of grant of House Rent Allowance to the Central Government employees is done on the basis of decennial population census. Mid-term increase is not considered for this purpose. According to the last census in 1981, the population of Pattakkottai was 49,484. Since a minimum population of 50,000 is required for classifying a city as 'C' class which is the lowest class for the purpose of admissibility of House Rent Allawance, Pattakkottai could not qualify for this classification.
in the country; and

Information in Delhi and Madras

3002. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi and Madras have registered the highest rates of inflation in the country for the 12 month period ending September, 1985;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the inflation rate at present in the country; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to check the rising trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The annual rate of inflation in terms of All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (1960—100) was 5.6 per cent in October, 1985 (the latest available) as against 6.1 per cent in October, 1984.

(d) Government has been closely watching the price situation and has taken a number of steps for effective demand and supply management including strengthening of the Public Distribution System,